



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.3  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 11% very short, 22% short, 44% adequate and 23% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Tropical rains from hurricane Alex created cloudy wet conditions across the southern portion of the state. However, northern parts of the state received only spotty showers, and still experienced some drought conditions. Rice and soybean farmers scouted for insects, mainly stinkbugs. Some soybean fields were left with standing water which may lead to root issues. Sugarcane lay-by operations were rapidly coming to a close because of wet fields combined with the height of the cane. Producers applied insecticides on some fields where scouting revealed evidence that sugarcane borers were above threshold limits.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Field and greenhouse tomatoes, bell peppers, watermelons, eggplants, cucumbers and blueberries were harvested. Producers sprayed to control insects in tomato fields.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Cattle condition improved with good pasture growth. Some ranchers wrapped up the breeding season for the year. Mosquito and biting insect pressure was high with an increased threat of anaplasmosis in cattle. Livestock producers applied fertilizer to pastures with sufficient soil moisture.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	75	67	79	69
Cotton	Squaring	91	80	92	90
	Setting Bolls	53	23	36	36
Hay	First cutting	98	96	97	96
	Second cutting	16	13	23	22
Peaches	Harvested	48	35	51	59
Rice	Headed	45	25	28	35
Sorghum	Headed	87	80	77	68
	Coloring	25	6	2	11
Soybeans	Blooming	65	52	68	69
	Setting Pods	38	9	54	47
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	98	95	99	99

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	1	15	37	40	7
Cotton	1	14	27	52	6
Rice	0	3	17	54	26
Sorghum	1	8	38	53	0
Soybeans	2	15	35	41	7
Sugarcane	1	7	31	36	25
Livestock	1	5	37	48	9
Vegetables	4	18	42	31	5
Pasture	3	12	40	38	7

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 06/28/10 TO 07/04/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	101	74	87	81	0.00	0.22	14.66	27.53
Minden	101	74	86	80	0.11	1.56	17.25	29.87
Mooringsport	101	75	87	MM	0.29	2.11	17.41	24.81
Extreme/Average	101	74	87	81	0.13	1.30	16.44	28.07
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	(102)	73	87	81	0.00	0.84	13.53	30.57
Homer/Hill Farm	99	71	84	79	0.76	1.32	19.58	29.75
ULM-Monroe	100	74	87	81	1.14	3.18	18.59	32.42
Columbia Lock	100	73	86	MM	0.06	1.38	14.57	33.46
Extreme/Average	102	71	86	81	0.49	1.68	16.57	31.06
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	98	76	86	81	0.00	0.16	15.10	33.53
LSU-St Joseph	99	75	87	81	0.09	0.83	18.16	31.89
LSU-Winnsboro	100	73	86	81	0.00	0.62	14.91	31.88
Tallulah	97	73	85	81	0.00	0.79	17.77	33.03
Extreme/Average	100	73	86	81	0.02	0.60	16.49	32.50
4. West-Central								
Leesville	100	70	84	80	0.89	3.22	16.49	29.91
LSU-Rosepine	101	72	85	80	2.61	4.94	20.07	29.75
Natchitoches	102	75	88	82	0.00	1.22	14.24	29.91
Extreme/Average	102	70	84	81	1.75	4.08	16.49	29.75
5. Central								
Alexandria	99	75	86	82	2.69	5.26	20.82	31.44
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	80	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	31.93
Bunkie	98	74	86	81	0.95	7.71	26.18	33.49
LSU-Alexandria	100	74	86	81	0.16	4.73	20.92	29.96
Extreme/Average	100	74	86	81	1.27	5.90	22.64	31.65
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	96	71	83	MM	0.05	5.71	23.09	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	96	74	84	81	0.73	6.79	23.03	31.65
Amite	99	70	84	80	0.56	6.36	25.31	34.78
LSU-Hammond	97	71	83	80	1.01	3.04	18.40	32.45
Slidell	92	74	82	81	1.06	6.88	29.50	31.68
Extreme/Average	99	70	83	81	0.59	5.48	22.46	33.44
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	100	72	85	81	2.04	3.79	21.45	30.71
Jennings	96	76	85	81	0.29	5.09	19.40	29.07
LSU-Crowley	96	75	85	82	0.25	5.35	18.90	29.78
Extreme/Average	100	72	85	82	0.86	4.74	19.92	29.55
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	73	83	81	0.22	6.35	20.91	30.21
LSU-Jeanerette	96	76	85	81	1.40	6.33	19.99	30.09
Morgan City	95	75	84	81	1.21	2.59	13.23	29.66
Extreme/Average	96	73	84	82	0.94	5.09	18.04	30.17
9. Southeast								
Galliano	93	75	83	81	1.06	3.43	23.53	31.32
Houma	97	74	85	82	1.22	7.62	22.16	30.06
Terrytown 3S	95	74	85	MM	1.12	5.12	29.40	MM.MM
Reserve	96	(68)	84	81	0.30	M.MM	MM.MM	33.77
Extreme/Average	97	68	84	82	0.93	5.96	25.03	31.29
State								
State Averages	102	68	85	81	0.80	4.09	19.85	30.91

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through July 04, 2010

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